(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Installation of VLPT at Paradeep

94. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether machinery for Very Low Power Transmitter has been installed at Paradip Port and put to experimental use for a few days; and

(b) if so, by when the said VLPT is likely to be put to regular use for the benefit of people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) The Low Power Transmitter at Paradip has been installed and was commissioned on 16.11.1994. The transmitter is giving regular evening transmission.

Conversion of electronic media into Corporation

95. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to convert the electronic media like Doordarshan and Akashvani into a Corporation independent of Government administration;

(b) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken in that direction; and

(c) by when a suitable legislation is likely to be brought before the Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) to (c) The Prasar Bharati (Broadcasting Corporation of India) Act, 1990 contains provision to this effect. This Act will be operationalised after certain changes in the existing provisions thereof are carried out.

"वन्देमातरम" और "जय हिन्द" शब्दों का प्रयोग

96. श्री जगदीशप्रसाद माथुर :

क्या **सूचना और प्रसारण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सच है कि विदेश सेवा प्रभाग के कार्यक्रमों में "वन्देमातरम" और "जय हिन्द" शब्दों के प्रयोग पर 2 अक्तूबर, 1994 से रोक लगा दी गई है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री के०पी०सिंह देव) : (क) और (ख) जी, नहीं । इन शब्दों के साथ घरेलू सेवा के ट्रांसमिशनों को आरंभ करने और उनका समापन करने की प्रक्रिया को आकाशवाणी की विदेश सेवा के लिए कभी नहीं अपनाया गया था ।

विदेशी उपग्रह टेलीविजन का सांस्कृतिक प्रभाव

97. प्रो० विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा : क्या **सूचना और प्रसारण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या विदेशी टेलीविजन और विदेशी समाचार एजेंसियों के भारत में उन्मुक्त प्रवेश से पाश्चात्य संस्कृति और विचारधारा पर अधिपत्य स्थापित हो जाने का खतरा है; और

(ख) सरकार इस खतरे को रोकने और उसका मुकाबला करने के लिए क्या कदम उठा रही है;

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री के०पी० सिंह देव) : (क) और (ख) जबकि विदेशी समाचा

एजेंसियों को भारत में सीधे परिचालन की अनुमति नहीं है, हमारा विदेशी उपग्रह ट्रांसमिशनों पर कोई नियंत्रण नहीं है । इस बीच, राष्ट्रीय एवं क्षेत्रीय स्तरों पर मुख्य रूप से भारतीय कार्यक्रम जो अच्छे और सही हों, को उपलब्ध कराने के लिए दूरदर्शन चैनलों के कार्यक्रमों की पुनर्रचना की गई है । जिससे कि दूरदर्शन के दर्शकों की रूचि को बनाए रखा जा सके ।

Coverage of developmental programmes of Delhi Government

98. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any communication from the Government of Delhi regarding discrimination in the matter of coverage of the development programmes of Delhi Government on electronic media;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for not giving due coverage to Delhi Government on Television; and

(c) the action taken to ensure full and complete coverage to Delhi Government on Television?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The communication, which did not mention any specific instance, complained inter-alia that the welfare programmes, activities of the Delhi Government did not get adequate coverage in Doordarshan bulletins.

(c) Doordarshan regularly carries items about the activities of the Government of Delhi in its regional and national news bulletins and would continue to do so in the future also.

Impact of foreign television network

99. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government programmes beamed by foreign television network like Star T.V. amounts to cultural invasion;

(b) if so, whether Doordarshan is taking steps to negate their cultural impact on the viewers; and

(c) if so, whether the integration of the MTV programme as part of daily programme schedule on DD-2 is consistent with the approach?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Government is aware of the existence of this perception in many quarters.

(b) and (c) Doordarshan is constantly endeavouring to provide on its channels programmes which cater to the needs of the widest cross section of its viewers. The MTV programmes, are thus being telecast on the DD-2 channel since there is a felt need for programming of this nature within the country.

Demand for autonomy to electronic media

100. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a discussion held in New Delhi in September, 1994 under the aegis of the Citizens Initiative for autonomy of electronic media;

(b) whether a demand for implementation of the Prasar Bharati Scheme and for amending the Prasar Bharati Act was made therein; and